The above minimization efforts could be used with either of the proposed alternatives E or F. All of the other minimization efforts that were not carried forward were either not able to meet the purpose and need or were not technically viable for construction (Table 6, Summary of Minimization Measures for Specific Properties).

7.2 Disposition

Based on the discussion above, and considering the support regarding planned improvements either from public, resource/regulatory agencies or agencies with jurisdiction over the protected resources cited, it is the intent of the FHWA and Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation to proceed with the project development within the existing I-74 corridor. A public hearing will be held to discuss this proposed action with the public, and copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement / Draft Section 4(f) Statement will be made available to the public and resource/regulatory agencies for review and comment. A 45-day review and comment period will be provided for the public and resource agencies review. Following the review period, it is anticipated that a Final Section 4(f) Statement will be prepared and circulated with the Final EIS for this project. Comments received on the draft documents and during the public availability period will be presented in the final documents.

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